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Group Art Unit: 2633
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In re Patent Application of:
Yasushi Hara et al.

Application No.: 09/885,318

Art Unit: 2633

Filed: June 19, 2001

Examiner: Agustin Bello

For: **CIRCUIT FOR PREVENTING
TRANSMISSION OF A FIXED PATTERN
OF OPTICAL DIGITAL TRANSMISSION
EQUIPMENT**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-5 and 9-14, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.